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COMMENTS:**Dear Mr. Nakhjavan:**

**Please see the attached 12 pages. Including The Amendment Transmittal Form (3pgs) ;
The Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (8pgs).**

Sincerely,**George Likourezos**

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Examiner: Shervin K. Nakhjavan

Serial No.: 09/855,629

Group: Art Unit 2621

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Docket: FR000047 (1320-108)

For: **IMAGE PROCESSING** Dated: June 29, 2005
METHOD, SYSTEM AND EXAMINATION
APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING A THREADLIKE
STRUCTURE IN A NOISY DIGITAL IMAGE

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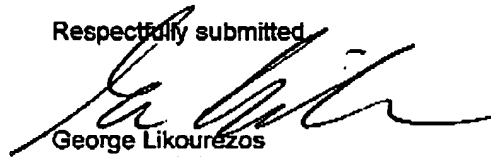
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to a Final Office Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
mailed on May 27, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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